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<u>SIXTH PERSON SENTENCED IN</u> CALIFORNIA-TO-WISCONSIN MARIJUANA CONSPIRACY

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Madison, Wis. - John W. Vaudreuil, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Eissa Kazi, 23, Madison, Wis., was sentenced yesterday by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to five years in prison for possessing a firearm in connection with a conspiracy to distribute marijuana.

Kazi is the sixth member of the marijuana distribution network to be sentenced. He distributed marijuana in Dane County, including on the University of Wisconsin campus. At the time of his arrest, his residence was searched and law enforcement agents found a pound of marijuana, a loaded 9 mm semi-automatic handgun, and more than \$46,000 in cash.

The other participants were sentenced as follows:

- Chad Ruenger, 34, Waterloo, Wis., was sentenced on December 19, 2012, to 84 months in prison for possessing marijuana and using and carrying firearms in connection with that drug crime;
- Joshua Campbell, 28, Madison, was sentenced on January 31, 2013, to three years in prison for conspiracy to distribute marijuana;
- Daniel Frazier, 48, Fairfax, Calif., was sentenced on April 24, 2013, to five years in prison for conspiracy to distribute marijuana; and
- Timothy Frazier, 50, and Didrik Petersen, 46, also of Fairfax, were both found to have held "limited" roles in the offense and were both sentenced on April 24, 2013, to three years of probation for conspiracy to distribute marijuana. Daniel Frazier and Timothy Frazier are brothers.

These cases all resulted from an investigation conducted by Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation and the Drug Enforcement Administration. Prosecution of the cases have been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy M. O'Shea.